

"WETS" PROLONG "DRY" BILL FIGHT

Committeemen Write Forty
Amendments Into Shep-
pard Measure.

ALL ARE "TIME-KILLERS"

Will Ask for Separate Votes Un-
less "Gag" Is Applied.

In an effort to postpone action as long as possible on the Sheppard prohibition bill, the "wets" of the House District Committee today wrote into that measure approximately forty amendments which will be reported to the House tomorrow, under a previous order, by Chairman Johnson.

The "wets" of the committee said it had been necessary "to perfect" the Sheppard bill, although it is generally understood that the amendments voted into the bill today are of the "time-taking" sort and will be used to prolong the bitter House fight over prohibition.

Gomper's Protests.
Samuel Gomper, president of the American Federation of Labor, and also vice president of the Cigar Makers' International Union, wrote the chairman of the committee today protesting that no representatives of that union had been heard against the Sheppard bill. Mr. Gomper's letter was a vigorous protest against "summary legislation" of the kind proposed.

Most of the amendments added to the Sheppard bill by the District Committee today were unimportant, so far as the text of the bill is concerned, but if the "wets" demand a separate vote on the amendments, the prohibition fight in the House will continue for many hours unless the Rules Committee stops the proceedings with a "gag rule."

It is now believed the prohibition bill now will be staged tomorrow afternoon, following the report of the Sheppard bill by the District Committee. The Rules Committee will make the Sheppard bill privileged as soon as it reaches the calendar.

Will Be "Bone Dry."
When the Sheppard bill is reported it will contain the "bone dry" amendment approved by the District Committee Saturday and also the referendum amendment.

The committee decided today to report the Sheppard bill with various amendments, instead of the House bill, although some of the members seemed to think a parliamentary advantage might be gained by reporting a House substitute as originally suggested by Congressman Gould. However, it is realized that the Rules Committee will eventually make the Sheppard bill in order and the "wets" have decided to meet the issue by putting on comparatively minor amendments and prolonging the House debate in the hope of a legislative jam that may defeat the bill. It is doubtful if any filibuster, no matter how well conducted, can defeat prohibition for the District.

HARDSHIP ON SALOONS SEEN

Federal Licenses Worthless After Nov. 1 if District Goes "Dry."

Counsel for liquor interests today said Washington saloon men will lose thousands of dollars, to be paid for internal revenue licenses, which will be worthless after November 1, should the prohibition bill be passed. The internal revenue license year is from July 1 to June 30. The fee is \$100 for wholesalers and \$25 for retailers. Dealers who continue in business after June 1 will be compelled to take out licenses on or before that date. No provision is made for refund if the District becomes dry November 1.

The number of wholesale establishments in the District is 1,200 and the number of barrooms 269. The annual revenue from these sources is \$12,625.

BIRTH CONTROL LEGAL

Nothing in Illinois Law to Prevent Propaganda.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 26.—The way to a birth control propaganda in Illinois was opened today in an opinion by Edward J. Brundage, attorney general.

He notified a Chicago citizens' committee that there was nothing in the statutes to prevent physicians giving advice to married women.

DRUG KILLS GIRL NURSE

Poison Taken in Phone Booth Eight Days Ago Causes Death.

Miss Edna Metcalf, eighteen years old, who took bichloride of mercury tablets in the telephone booth of a downtown drug store Sunday, February 18, died at George Washington University Hospital at noon today. The young woman, who was studying to become a nurse at George Washington University Hospital, had been transferred to the Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital shortly before she swallowed the tablets.

Miss Metcalf entered the drug store in the morning, and asked for the tablets, saying she wanted them for a foot wash. She entered the booth and started to telephone a friend. A clerk overheard her make a reference to end her life and opened the door to the booth.

WOMAN MOVES HOUSE.
WAUKEGAN, Ill., Feb. 26.—Replacing a horse at a windlass, Mrs. Fred Johnson furnished the motive power for moving a house three blocks. But it required three days to do it.

OVERALLS
Union-Made 75c
up

Livingston's

908 7th St. N. W.

AMERICAN LINERS TO SAIL

Ships to Be Armed at Once and Resume Traffic.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—American line passenger ships will be armed at once and the company immediately will advertise resumption of trans-Atlantic traffic, officials of the line said today.

Pending further information regarding arming of merchantmen, officials of the line refused to say how soon resumption of trans-Atlantic trips might be effected.

It was estimated it would take nearly a week to mount guns on the passenger liners, all but one of which are now in port.

WANT FLAG BAN LIFTED

Dealers in Novelties Disturbed Over Recent Enactment.

Merchants who have purchased stocks of novelties and souvenirs for inauguration week in ignorance of the new law against desecration of the American flag find themselves today with a veritable "white elephant" on their hands.

This is brought to light by the numerous appeals to District Attorney Laskey for postponement of prosecution under the new law.

Mr. Laskey has informed those who have interceded with him that it is not within his province to postpone the enforcement of the law. He informs everyone however that the law will be enforced in a "sane and reasonable manner."

D. C. FOOD INQUIRY BOARD APPOINTED

Senator Borah Introduces Measure Appropriating \$6,000,000 for Investigation.

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of conditions, with a view to permanent remedies, and provides immediate relief for suffering and starving persons.

At the request of Senator Borah the resolution was allowed to lie on the table until tomorrow, when he will address the Senate. He is expected to set forth in vigorous terms the evils of the existing food situation and to discuss the need of far-reaching remedies.

Given Sweeping Powers.
The resolution, so far as it relates to immediate relief, authorizes the President to use such part of the fund as is necessary to finance the Federal Government's co-operation with local authorities, and to take any necessary steps to aid those who are suffering from lack of food.

The powers conferred upon the President in this respect are sweeping and complete.

The President also is authorized to investigate the rise in prices and the causes therefor as they relate to food and clothing.

Investigations into violations of the anti-trust laws by food speculators and dealers in foodstuffs also is authorized.

The President is authorized to order

an investigation with a report to Congress next December, looking to the establishment of an adequate system of marketing and distribution of food stuffs, in order that the consumer and the producer may be brought closer together and mutually benefited, while speculators and other middlemen may be eliminated.

Further than this, an investigation into the problem of the distribution of the population and its congestion into the great cities is directed to the end that some way may be devised for a more equitable distribution of population and an increase in the production of foodstuffs.

ASK MILLIONS FOR FOOD

New York Organization Would Supply Poor at Cost.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Representatives of 126 unions and Socialist and women's organizations today planned to urge upon Governor Whitman a legislative appropriation of one to ten million dollars to be used for the purchase of food to be sold at cost to the poor.

While officials predicted a break in prices soon, and city investigations revealed a constantly increasing pressure on families with small incomes, the army of protest continued its campaign today.

A school strike to center attention on the hardships endured by the children of the East Side was proposed. The boycott plans in the East Side were so tightly drawn that retail poultry dealers decided to close shop.

When slaughter-house owners voted against this procedure women who have been picketing retail stores were shifted to slaughter-house picket duty.

BAKERS PROTEST STAND OF RAINEY

Declare Illinois Congressman Ignorant of the Flour Situation.

Admitting that "bread is slightly cheaper in Europe than here," the National Association of Master Bakers today charged Congressman Henry T. Rainey's declaration on Saturday that there is a "fast-forming trust" to keep up the prices of bread to be full "either of ignorance or malice."

The answering charge was contained in telegram from T. T. Frankenberg, at Columbus, Ohio, representing the Bakers' Association, to the United Press here.

Refer to Last Probe.
"Congressman Rainey's ill will toward the bakers," the telegram stated, "derives itself from the humiliation he endured in February, 1916. At that time a delegation of bakers appearing before a Congressional committee showed him to be wholly uninformed in the statements he made—and is now making—in an effort to secure passage of a bill permitting corn starch to masquerade as wheat flour—and to be sold at a dishonest price."

"Congressman Rainey's statements are so full, either of ignorance or malice, that the industry cannot suffer them to pass in silence."

"Rainey is right when he says that

bread is slightly cheaper in Europe than here; but why does he not give the reasons? Europe uses a flour so poor that it is rejected here. They buy four-pound loaves, unwrapped; here trade demands a small, wrapped loaf, delivered."

"If he has discovered any combination in restraint of trade, he has done more than three Federal investigations. His well-known lack of accuracy in such matters lays him open to doubt."

No Concert on Prices.
"There is no concerted action among bakers to boost bread prices. There is—and will continue to be—a campaign to educate bakers against selling below actual cost. Scared by the mouthing of Rainey and others, some bakers have tried the impossible; they are out of business now."

"The association will answer all charges by Rainey and other self-seeking politicians."

Frankenberg declared there is a campaign in behalf of a 10-cent loaf. The loaf will be larger, he said, and the campaign never did mean 10 cents would be charged for a 5-cent loaf.

MAJOR GRANT RETURNS

Assigned to Duty in Office of General Black.

Major U. S. Grant, III, former superintendent of the State, War, and Navy building, returned to Washington today and was assigned to duty in the office of Brigadier General Black, chief of engineers. He has recently been in command of a divisional regiment of engineers on the Mexican border. Previously he had been on duty with the troops sent to Vera Cruz.

Majors Tyler and Mitchell have also been assigned to duty in the engineer office, after serving on the Mexican border.

GERMANS CLAIM SUCCESS

Report Says British Moves Along the Ancre Have Failed.

BERLIN, (via Sayville wireless), Feb. 26.—"In several sectors between Armentieres and the Ancre, British reconnoitering advances failed," declared today's official statement.

"The attacks were made partly after artillery preparation and partly through surprise advances."

"South of Cernay in the Champagne," the statement continued, "the French attacked without success. Between the Meuse and the Moselle, enterprises of our own reconnoitering detachments succeeded. In numerous air engagements our adversaries lost yesterday eight aeroplanes, two of them from a flyer squadron, which without success dropped bombs in the Saar district."

Of the fighting on the eastern front, the statement said: "West of the Aa river, Russian raiding detachments were repulsed. On the railroad from Kovel to Luck our reconnoitering soldiers succeeded in a surprise against a hostile outpost. South of Brestany, a partial Russian attack failed."

RUSSIANS MAKE CAPTURE.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.—Russian reconnoitering detachments penetrated to German trenches west of Jablonitz and captured twenty-six prisoners, today's official statement declared. The attack followed an artillery preparation.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness nor ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 25c.—Advt.

OLD DUTCH MARKET

INAUGURAL WEEK FOOD SALE!

THESE PRICES ARE GOOD FOR MONDAY & TUESDAY

Front Page
The Washington Times
Saturday, February 24

FOOD PRICES TO
SOAR MONDAY

Big Increase in Living Cost in
Washington Scheduled,
Says Retailer.

Food prices in Washington are scheduled to leap upward Monday, it was announced today by the manager of one of the largest retail concerns in the city.

Large quantities of food have been ordered for this dealer and scores of others in the city, but it is stated that they cannot obtain delivery. Railroad men deny blame for these conditions.

Such staples as lima beans, hominy, rice and canned goods will advance from two to four cents over the prices today, managers of large stores declare.

The retail prices quoted today with the increased prices that are expected to be asked on Monday follow:

Today's day prices, prices.
Lima beans, per lb. 12 14
Hominy, per lb. 4 5 1/2
Black-eyed peas, per lb. 3 10
Rice, per lb. 3 1/2-2 1/2 4 1/2
Navy beans, per lb. 12 15
Canned tomatoes, 12 15
Potatoes, per peck 99 1 1/2
Onions, per lb. 1 1/2-2 2 1/2-3

All canned goods are scheduled for a rise of from 2c to 4c a can. "Washington's poor are suffering more hardships and privations than ever has been known in the history of the Associated Charities during so-called prosperous times."

This was the statement today of Walter S. Ufford, head of the District Associated Charities.

"Whether we are passing through a temporary stage we do not know," said Mr. Ufford, "but the conditions among Washington's poor as a result of the prevailing high prices are terrible. Added to this, there is more sickness than has been known in many years."

Mr. Ufford stated that in answer to the desperate appeals which have reached the Associated Charities during the past few weeks, they are responding with all possible speed.

Not at the
Old Dutch Markets
On the Foods Quoted in
This Article Our Prices
for Monday and Tuesday
Are as Follows:

Lima Beans, Fancy Dried, Lb. 12c
Hominy, Best Quality, Lb. . . . 4c
Black Eyed Peas, Lb. 8c
Rice---Whole Head, Lb. 8c
3 1/2 pounds for 25c
Rice---Japan Style, Lb. 7c
4 pounds for 25c
Rice---Broken Head, 5 Lb. for 25c
Navy Beans, Hand Picked, Lb. 13 1/2c
Canned Tomatoes, Red Can, 13 1/2c
Potatoes, 1/4 Peck 20c, Per Peck, 75c
Onions, a Carload of the Best, Lb., 15c
Our prices on all other Meats and Groceries are, in general, the same as last week.

SUGAR

7 1/2c

POUND

Two carloads of refined Granulated Sugar will be on sale at our markets MONDAY and TUESDAY at 7 1/2c per pound, while the sugar lasts. Ten-pound limit per customer, and NO SALES TO DEALERS. Dealers wanting Sugar may be supplied at our warehouse.

SMOKED
HAMS
Cut from choice
Hogs, cured and
smoked by our special
process.
POUND 21c

ORANGES
NEW
1/2 Peck, 25c
Choice of any size
California or Florida
fruit.
Lb., 10c

BREAKFAST
BACON
Machine
Sliced, lb. 28c
PURE LARD
Open-kettle 20c
rendered, lb.
FRESH CREAMERY
BUTTER
Our Derrydale Brand, 44c
1-lb. print.

THE TIMES ARE SERIOUS: Newspapers, Merchants and Legislators should face the facts fairly But Avoid Sensationalism.

There is no danger of a food famine in Washington if all work together and cooperate to avoid stirring up panic among the people.

The railroad officials are doing their utmost to speed up the service and there is no occasion for panic.

We have over twenty-five (25) carloads of foods for distribution this week—others have proportionate quantities.

OLD DUTCH MARKET